morrow; light north winds.

Highest temperature yesterday, 23; lowest, 12. Detailed weather reports on last page.

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10,000 SOLDIER **BOYS HAPPY IN NEW ROCHELLE**

City of 35,000 Entertains Flower of American Youth in Storm.

LIKE A COLLEGE TOWN

Homes Wide Open, Dinners, Theatres and Motors for Potential Warriors.

NOT A ROWDY TO BE SEEN

Knights and Sleep in Episcopal Trinity.

The girls all over the country who be- PRESS ANALYZES SPEECH leve they are at least trying to do their oft by knitting and purling between acts take a run out to New Rochelle. The girls would come back to Manhattan calising, as they gazed thoughtfully out of the New Haven road's car windows that comparatively they weren't doing to much after all.

New Rochelle, as the late Richard Harding Davis pointed out in his last writings, is only as far from Manhattan as the Germans were in 1914 from Paris when the French booted them backward uddenly. And although New Rochelle, really a suburb of Manhattan, throughout the last week has been busy doing the best bit or patriotic work done by any American community in the great war the little town had been too much over-

worked to tell the greater Manhattan
hat was going on there.
A community of about 35,000 men.
women and children had had almost 16. women and children had had almost 16, 1600 potential soldiers wished upon it in the middle of one of the worst storms in recent years. If the 10,000 had detrained at a little junction station surrounded by pine forests—which easily might-have been the case—an incredible number of lads cold and hungry and lameless would undoubtedly have frozen in starved to death in the frigid weather of the last week while standing outdoors larough a period of from three to five results of the last week while standing outdoors arough a period of from three to five presumably to the possibility either of a Salonica attack or an invasion of Engiverworked army men of Fort Slocum case, which must pass before the sadly Salon recovered army men of Fort Slocum land.

Lucky to Be in New Rochelle.

But the thousands of young men, as turk would have it, detrained at New Blochelle. Wherefore since that time they have been collected for breakfast, after a bestimpt night of sleep in churches, clubs and resistances; and lunching on more soups and am and saines—actually saines—and heese and coffee. Then, after attending audeville shows without cost to themselves, they have sat down to dinners of telmonico steaks, roast beef, potatoes, baked macaroni (the reporter is taking the menu at the New Rochelle Council, Knights of Columbus, last night at hap-inared), a tomato saind, pies and coffee to brace them up before turning in a sleep upon the cushioned seats of New Standards more also and constructions. Nonhelle's most elaborately uphoistered hurches—with more vaudeville shows netween dinner and bedtime.

numerable Fords had been at their dishis take them from the station to the inights of Columbus general clearing case for recruits and then to the buildere cooking their foods and from which ew Rochelle men were serving them.
Stadily at the end of yesterday afteron long lines of happy young men in mufti came arm in arm out of Centre street end then turned northward, cheering as they walked. They favored peptra and asit caps with long visors, dark overcoats with turned up collars and

Not a Roughneck in the Line.

And not a roughneck among 'em, an Noonan of New Rochelle, an " watched them file by, cheering every-They are all china broken and silk anket broken and eat with their forks lanket broken and eat with their forks. I know—the missus and I house eight of them every night. They're the most appreciative boys I ever saw. It's an lonor to be allowed to keep them fed and warm. They're the flower of

They cheered—all day long and far life the night—until New Rochelle counded like a little college town the right of the day the little college had but the rollers under Princeton and Big Bill Edwards himself. Let a cop pass by and they'd cheer. Tripping across the snow might come a Red Cross can-teen worker and promptly the air was solit spart. They even cheered trolley

Joe Mayer, red eyed from loss of sieep, stood on the edge of a snowbank and cheered them on to cheer. Orsen Lowell and Lucius Hitchcock, Manhattan illustrators during legitimate working hours, happily directed the strangers in town on their way. The long line of mutti clad boys which the reporter has particularly in mind swung around the snow banked corner of Centre street into Huguenot street, or avenue, of into Huguenot street, or avenue, or houlevard—whatever the main street of the town is called—and filed into the parish house of Old Trinity.

Reminder of Coming Christman.

Out of the snow rose the Christmany pile. Old Trinity, with its clock face aglow in the gathering dusk, and wel-coming warmits coming from the latticed windows beneath the spire. To the west pink afterglow merged with the snowy

churchyard.

Into the Protestant parish house filed the young soldier boys who had just come from the Catholic Knights of Columbus building around the corner. The T. M. C. A. had had a part in sending them on their way too, well fed and happy. The T. M. C. A. in ordinary times thinks enough of dogma to adhere to the rule that no Catholic may hold an executive office in the great organization. The Knights of Columbus organization. ganization. The Knights of Col Il have no Protestants, in peace times, recting their business affairs. Yet the Knights of Columbus yester-

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Escape of Ex-Czar Reported and Denied.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15 .- Advices received at the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik head-quarters, to-day said that former Emperor Nicholas had escaped from the monastery near To-bolsk, Siberia, where he was conbolsk, Siberia, where he was con-fined and that a special train, manned by sailors, had been sent in pursuit of him. It was sup-posed that he was on the way to Harbin, about 4,000 miles to the east.

Later in the afternoon an of-ficial denial was made at the Smolny Institute that the former

Smolny Institute that the former Emperor had escaped.

WARNS FOE MAY INVADEENGLAND

Squads Eat With Columbus Lloyd George's Grey's Inn Address Interpreted as Veiled Prophecy.

Demand for Steps to Meet "New Contingencies."

Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sen. effort to invade England? This question of a battle from is raised prominently by the Evening Star in commenting on the Premier's speech, and it is likewise suggested in other analyses of the address. The passage which is regarded as mysterious and to which most interest attractions and to which most interest attractions.

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other analyses of the address. The pas-sage which is regarded as mysterious and to which most interest attaches is: "Much greater progress has been made "Much greater progress has been made

Whether the Government has special reason to expect that such an effort is contemplated by the German staff is not stated, but it is known that in the autumn of 1916, it had perfected arrangements for a dash against England to land an army and awaited only the approval of the Raiser, which was not given.

"Such an enterprise," continues the "Such an enterprise," continues the American transport of the approval of the Raiser, which was not given.

given.

"Such an enterprise," continues the Evening Star, "could hardly hope for success in establishing a permanent front on British soil, even under the conditions of aerial and undersea warfare, but it might seem to the Kaiser worth while to sacrifice some tens of thousands of fighting men of the second grade, recently released in the east, in order to strike at the base of the allied armies while simultaneously launching an at-

istered tack in France. that the Germans are preparing, not only a great effort in the west, but possibly also an immense surprise effort on the chance of affecting the whole

to the strategy of the war, which the invasion learing of England would accomplish instantly, build— That serious military results could come from such an enterprise is re-garded as impossible, but the indirect results might be grave even if the Ger-mans failed to effect a landing in considerable force. .

Jingo Organa Indorse Address. Aside from this interesting discussion. Post, strongly indorse the tone of the address, the Morning Post assuming that it commits the Government to complete opposition to the league of nations, and others presuming that the Governcomplete victory. Herein there is a sharp disagreement between the Government and its antagonists, who, like Lord Lansdowne and the Manchester Glardian school, insist that the league should be formed now and used as an additional measure for forcing Ger-

The seeming contradiction between the Premier and President Wilson regarding the league is not discussed in an important way, although in some of the comment there is a note of disappointment over what the Evening Storcalis "the complete failure to grasp the moral significance of the great ideal that President Wilson ast in the foregast of President Wilson set in the forefront of the Allies' cause, the idea of a league of

whether he understands it or, like Carson, is bitterly hostile to it. Let there be no mineing of words: liberalism must be earnest in its fidelity to the league of nations, there is no other hope for man-

FALSE TEETH KILL WARRIOR. First Night Home Vatal After Es-

caping War Perils Two Years. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 15.—An amazing instance of what chance may do to a man is afforded by the case of Albert Crome, who enlisted two years ago, was trained and sent to France, where he spent fifteen months, participating in a

continuous series of desperate fights and military adventures. He never was wounded but became ill and was sent home on leave to re-cuperate. On his first night in England he was awakened suddenly, swallowed his false teeth and died.

1,200 GERMANS QUIT CAPITAL. Period of Grace Ended at Midnight

Washington, Dec. 15.—About 1,200 unnaturalised Germans have left the District of Columbia under President Wilson's allen enemy proclamation. The period of grace ended last midnight.

TALK BY ALLIES

ranged War Unity.

One Battle Front Now From Red Tape Methods No Longer Belgian Coast Through to Italy, He Explains.

Neither in the Supreme War Council or the Interallied Conference in Paris in London was the word "peace" mentioned. That was the most striking statement made last night by Col. Edward M. House, who with other memhe is the head, returned to New York yesterday.

Almost as interesting was Col. House's julet assertion that at the time of abroad. voice, "God blessum!") ought to Mystery Surrounds Premier's tatives of all the nations in the conhis departure from Paris the represenferences-which means every member of the allied group, even down to Montenegro and Sam-were "absolutely unanimous on every plan." He said he could say nothing further on this point

"This brought affairs to a focus. Up to the time that it began coordination was not

going on very well." He said that while the international conferences had nothing to do with peace the American mission had, outside the council room, gathered all available d for use at a future peace conference.

"Everybody knows that there must be a peace conference some time," he explained. "Some time the representa-tives of all the nations will have to get together around a fable, and all the countries are of course gathering information all the time. But I think this [Col. House, who had just been speaking of the war, emphasized "this"]

carefully added, "That doesn't refer to any particular date." Col. House, Major-Gen. Tasker H. Bilss and other members of the Ameriport on October 27 arrived in New York yesterday from the point of landing?

Col. House will go to Washington tonight and he and Gen. Bliss will report to the President to-morrow. Col. House maid it might be possible later to make public some of the results of his tell. can mission which left an American port on October 27 arrived in New York yesterday from the point of landing? public some of the results of his trip abroad which he could not mention with-out the sanction of the President.

The mission arrived here so unostenfatiously that not even the ship news reporters knew of their coming. Col. House met newspaper men later at his me, 115 East Fifty-third street, and sion had already been sent to Washington and that in addition he would repor

plish in the Interallied Conference in Paris has been successfully and satis-factorily done." he said. "In England and France the influence of the United is paraomunt, I think. In both best I have observed on any of my theer trips since the beginning of the war, in spent nearly a year abroad.

Allies Determined to Win.

"You mean the morale of the fighting forces?" he was asked. "I mean the morale of the men in untout thought of the cost is admirable He spent fourteen days in England and fourteen in France. Through the elimination of speechmaking and both public and private entertainment the "Sir Edward Carson has poured brutal Interallied War Conference, in which all corn upon the idea; Premier Lloyd the Allies were represented, completed its work in three sessions. Supreme War Council, in which sat the Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy and their military aids and Col. House and his military adviser, Gen. Bliss, began their deliberations.

first conference were assigned to mem bership in various committees, each group of experts dealing with their special subject, such as food, embargo, finance and other subjects. The Inter-allied Conference discussed merely the

allied Conference discussed inerely the economic situation.
"Every one worked hard, well and cordially," said the Colonei.
The Supreme War Council, he said, would be an permanent body. He had not expected to sit in it when he went about his way requested to see he. abroad, but was requested to do so by President Wilson. He did not know whether he would continue to be a mem-ber; that was for the President to decide.

The Interallied Conference had its first

meeting on November 29. The delegates reached complete agreement as to what was desirable for their countries and for the silled cause as a whole. Al-though their action is not binding it is assumed that each country will follow their advice. One of their decisions was that the food embargo will go on as before, Col. House said, which apparently means that the conferees were not alarmed by the reported threats of some

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COL. E. M. HOUSE SPECIAL BOARD SKYSCRAPERS ARE WITHOUT FUEL; BACK; NO PEACE WILL CARE FOR MEN OVERSEAS

of Pershing's Army.

FIGHTING PLANAPPROVED BLISS IS ACTIVE HEAD

Will Hamper Work of Force at Front.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- To expedite the maintenance and supply of Gen. Pershing's force in France, the War Department to-day announced the creation of a special war council. The plan bers of the American mission, of which has been under consideration for some weeks as a result of the increasing need

The war council will be headed by Secretary Baker and will be made up of Major-Gen. Blias, Chief of Staff: Major-Gen. Henry G. Sharpe, Quarter-master-General: Major-Gen. William Crozier, Major-Gen. E. M. Weaver and Major-Gen. E. H. Crowder. The council will act through the Chief of Staff.

It is planned to add general officers of wide experience to the council from time to time, and arrangements will be made to have members of the council spend

and the major relationship along this line.

There has been difficulty in establishing efforts, he said, would not become spongering in which he has been a proper relationship along this line.

Being on the spot, Gen. Pershing in many respects has been able to understand the military needs of the hour stand the military needs of the hour better than the authorities here. His affairs to a focus. Up to the first of the gaid of the properties of the spot of the properties of the properties of the properties. There has been difficulty in establishing efforts, he said, would not become spongering in many respects has been able to understand the military needs of the hour stand that he had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that the stand the military needs of the hour stand the military needs of the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that he had the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car loads of coal into that he had the had the had started staty car loads of coal into that the had started staty car load cide these matters without recourse to dustries to close down. routine methods.

Secretary Baker's announcement said that when Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of Staff, who participated in the inter-allied war conference, returns from Euaffect all branches of the service. Secretary Baker said the council would act through the Chief of Staff of the Army and would not take over the specialised duties of the General Staff or the War College. It is intended, he added, to bring to the larger problems of the Tepartment not only the experience but the general training of the officers most mature, both in years and service

SCOTT IN LAST REPORT. In Army System.

'Absolutely," returned Col House, and policy are recommended in the last an-

paralleled importance," and ascribes this shortage to the act of Congress in 1916 officers to fifty-five, only half of whom

fosty-seven officers until Congress in-creased that body in May, 1917, the re-port says, and adds that had this num-has shown that coal running 6 to 8 per

Calls "The Sun" Fund Troops' Greatest Aid.

IN a letter to THE SUN Amos Pinchot says: "From personal experience as a private in the Spanish-American

war I realize that whether a soldier is well or sick, hot or cold, wet or dry, there is always comfort in a good smoke.

"Tobacco in civilian life may be a luxury, but to smokers active military service it is. I believe, a real necessity. There are mighty few, if any, funds that, dollar for dollar, will do more to help our soldiers along than yours, and we heartily wish you greatest success in your

Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot sent a check for \$2,370.94, representing 20 per cent. of the net proture and pictures.

Another remittance came yes terday from Seneca G. Lewis, representing profits on additional sales of his march song, "Colum-bia." This brought receipts from Mr. Lewis to date to \$1,506.82.

The great Christmas concert for THE SUN Tobacco Fund takes place in the Waldorf-Astoria grand ballroom to-morrow night. Also the fund will re ceive a share of to-morrow night's receipts at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre, where the screaming farce "What's Your Husband Doing?" is on.

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Head of U. S. Mission Says New War Council AppointThree Conferences Ared to Minister to Needs U. S. FUEL BOARD WILSON TO RUN RAILROADS;

Administrator Garfield, After Coal Conference, Aids by Proclamation. Middle West.

SITUATION STILL ACUTE dications to-day the President is get-

SPEEDS UP CARS

nor in the conferences preceding them and centralize all matters pertaining to Domestic Needs Must Be Supplied Before Factories. Is Decision.

> Washington, Dec. 15.—Reports of altary of War."
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> While the President is expected technique. for speedy and systematic action to most nationwide suffering due to lack meet needs for the American troops of coal stirred Fuel Administration offibroad.
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> The war council will be headed by lease supplies neld on tracks by car conin all probability will report direct to the President and will not be attached

Orders went forth to Fuel Administra-tion representatives in the middle West to make every attempt to move coal to points in many instances declared to be facing actual coal famines. A. W. Thompson, chairman of the operating Thompson, chairman of the operating committee of Eastern railroads, was called into conference by Fuel Administrator Garfield for suggestions as to relieving the situation.

There is good reason to believe that the President all along has had a man trator Garfield for suggestions as to relieving the situation.

Domestie Needs Paramount.

"If the weather remains severe," he dustries, no matter how important. should, except in cases of vital impor-tance for keeping plant warm or main-taining refrigeration or something of that sort, give way to domestic needs. The miners are not loading and the emer-gency will become graver unless the weather moderates. My office is dis-tributing all the lake coal available to domestic consumers and we are trying to

forced to suspend operation of its frontiers.

given fuel immediately.

Reports from New York to-day told of the Bethiehem Ship Building Company the State Department is signed by Presinewly appointed "workmen and soldier reverse there."

which limited the total number of such as coal this year contains probably officers to fifty-five, only half of whom could be held on duty in Washington at any one time.

The staff did not reach a strength of deficiency of 130,000,000 tons to be over-

> tent ash in a normal time now runs 12 to 18 per cent. Complaint about the preparation of coal. Director Manning said, is very general.
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> Although 650,000,000 tons might be

> produced in the year. Director Manning said, a decrease of one-eighth in effec-tiveness made it for all practical pur-poses the equivalent of 570,000,000, some 30,000,000 tons less than last year's outactivities, makes a practical deficiency of

SHIP TO AID CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15 .- A lake freighter, hattling its way through ice and heavy seas, is the relief ship upon which Cleveland is depending to save it from dark homes, a street car tieup and a crippled telephone system. The boat is the steamship Otto Reiss,

loaded with 7,000 tons of bituminous; coal. It was commandeered in Lorain harbor to-day by State Fuel Administrator Johnson and is on the way to Cleveland to relieve the coal famine that already has paralyzed the city's manufactories and thrown 100,000 men out of According to P. S. Jaeger, chief assist-

ant to F. C. Buird, head of the lake coal pool, the boatload of coal will be turned over to the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co, exclusively. It is expected to arrive here to-morrow at noon. pany furnished electric power to several thousand Cleveland manufacturing con-cerns and also furnished power to the traction company to run more than twobirds of the street cars in the city

At the same time Mr. Jaeger an-nounced that a train of seventy-five cars of coal was being rushed here from San-dusky. Ohio, to be delivered immediately to local power plants. The illuminating company now has two days supply of coal on hand, enough to last until Mon-day. The boatload and the trainload of coat, if they arrive on time, will mean protection until next Saturday.

WARHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- C. R. Mori Fuel Administration to-day director of to-day for treatment for nervous trouble the Ohio cost shippers' pool

MAY ACT IN A DAY OR TWO

He Is Believed to Have Picked Administrator—Taking Over of Railroads Probably Will Be Announced

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- From all ining ready to act quickly in the railroad situation and it would not surprise troller of the Currency, former president many if his plan was announced within of the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Williams a day or two. The President, it is gena day or two. The President, it is generally expected, will announce by proclamation that the Government has taken the subject.

the subject.

Mr. McAdoo had a conference to-day

nically to put the roads under the War

to the War Department.
One of the factors which is impelling the President to move quickly in the matter is the coal situation, the coal shortage now being laid to transporta-tion difficulties by most officials.

Mr. McAdoo said to-night that there was no possibility of this, but declined to comment further on the railroad situation. Other rumors to-day centred around John Skeiton Williams, Compuation lately and has been in frequent consultation with Secretary McAdoo on

charge of the railroads under the act of August 28, 1916. This law says that this shall be done "through the Secretial this shall be done "through the Secretial this shall be done through the Secretial through through the Secretial through the Secretial through through through the Secretial through thro on the railroad situation as Mr. Todd handled many of the anti-trust cases

> situation, though the financial phase of their problem would still remain serious. It is even predicted now that Government control will enhance the value of scrapers. raliroad securities. The decline in rali-soad securities has caused concern to Secretary McAdoo because future plans for Government financing require that the country's economic conditions shall the country's economic be on a sound basis. It is known that Mr. McAdoo feels that a change in the rallroad situation is urgently required for this reason if for no other.

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Bolshevik Delegate.

came German Subject

Singe War Began.

tacks on the efforts of the majority Socialists to represent the German Cov-

changes as possible Min-

DESERTER GETS 20 YEARS.

charged with desertion.

Trefemphen was absent from October

1 to October 27, when he was arrested

Confirmation was impossible.

United States Is Thanked in German Socialist Leader Treat- wasting steam. New Declaration of Republic's Neutrality.

MIGHT ASK ALLIES' AID PARVUS INTERMEDIATOR

Determination to Resist In- Is a Native of Russia Who Beviolability of Territory Is Firm and Unwayering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- In thanking STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15 -- While the Bols turned to the Car Service Commission the United States for the declaration to shevik Government in Petrograd is pro-SCOTT IN LAST REPORT. for aid in getting coal to shipbuilding observe strictly the neutrality of Switzer-claiming its intention of conducting all Chief of Staff Recommends Changes and Detroit. Mich., where seventy-two land, the Swiss Conferedation, in a com-negotiations openly and is declaring its merchant vessels are under construction munication made public to-day by the hostility to all monarchies, including Ger-Washington, Dec. 15.—Reorganization of the War Department on a sound General Staff basis and adoption of uni-

in the war against the Imperial German ince war against the iniperial German (lovernment, has led the Government of the Union to inform the Swiss Confed-eration that, the same as its cobelliger-ents in Europe, the United States will not fail to observe toward Switzerland the principle of neutrality and inviolability of its territory so long as this neu-

switzerland.

"The Federal Council can only renew western democracy the declaration of neutrality that it had the honor to notify to Washington April as the proletariat's representative not worry over prosecutions if they sell to day.

The Social Demokraten recalls the lit to-day.

Brooklyn fared best of all the bornal processing the some 2.000 tons. firm and unwavering determination to maintain and defend its neutrality and the inviolability of its territory by all Socialists to represent the German Govneans at its disposal against any person Preighter With 7,000 Tons of Coal the treaties of Vienna and Paris of 1815. in particular that of the 20th of Novem-ber, the Swiss Confederation, to whom it appercains to take the necessary measber, the Swiss Confederation, to whom it apperiains to take the necessary measures for the defence of its territory, will enture the principles is inconceivable, except on the assumption of moral bankruptey on and will repel a violation of its frontier at least one side, and after all the last the principles is inconcerning the assumption of moral bankruptey on announced late yesterial afternoon that at least one side, and after all the last tweeks have taught us concerning the "Referring to these acts and to its "Referring to the seem to take the necessary measures with such radically differ:

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"Referring to these acts and to its declaration of neutrality of August 4.
1914, as well as to later declarations, especially the notification made at Wash-1917, the Federal Council believes that it appertains only to it to decide in what condition it might appear opportune to appeal to the assistance of foreign Receive. &c., &c.

U. S. TO MAKE ITS POWDER. an Francisco Man Will Ruild Fed- Is Dishonorably Discharged From eral Explosive Plants.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 15.—Government captions of the present output of private manufacturers are to be built in the immediate future, it was disclosed to night in an announcement by Secretary Baker of the appointment of Daniel C. Jackling of San charged with descrition. Francisco to take charge of the construction work.

The number and location of the plants at Staunton, Va. was not disclosed, but Mr. Baker an-nounced that their construction would Bandits Cut Mexican Line, Report. entail an expenditure of more than \$50,000,000.

Senator Gore in Sanitarium

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Senator Gore Cleveland was named by the of Oklahoma went to a sanitarium here

on his fingers as hard and as often as the myriad of clerks in the same sky-

The great hotels are much worried. The Waldorf, for example, frankly said it had only enough to last until Monday It was announced that 150 public

not to be had quickly.

Deaths from pneumonia for the week ended at noon yesterday were 283, the highest record for the season and one of the highest toils this malady ever has taken in any week of any yearson.

There was no immediate hope for a let up in the cold wave indicated in the weather forecast last night. With the thermometer showing 12 degrees above zero at 1:30 A. M. the forecast of fair and continued cold for to-day and to-morrow will be sad news to thousands of noor and rich alter was to thousands of noor and rich alter was to thousands of

The maddening part of it all was that there are at least 40,000 tons of coal just across the harbor—frozen so stiff in cars that it has to be "mined"

policy are recommended in the last and public to-night, is devoted almost wholly to a discussion of the staff question, Gen. Scott explaining that his long-absence in Russia and his "impending departure for France" gave him little time to prepare an adequate, account of the army's preparations for the war.

After referring to what has been accomplished in the way of preparation. Gen. Scott deplores the paucity of Gen. Scott deplores "for work of such un-A further interesting light is thrown on the situation by the fact that Leon Trotzky. Bolshevik Foreign Minister. There were "coal lines" at the small working through Parvis as intermedia.

not fail to observe toward Switzerland the principle of neutrality and inviolability of its territory so long as this neutrality is maintained by the Confederation and respected by the enemy.

"In the name of the Federal Council I have the honor, in acknowledging this declaration, to beg you to transmit to your Government the thanks of the Federal Council for this new proof of the sentiments of friendship that the United States has always manifested toward Switzerland.

"The Federal Council can only renew the declaration of neutrality that it had the honor to notify to Washington April 20, 1917, Insisting particularly on its."

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Reports from hospitals throughout ice W. the greater city state that while they rigade, are not particularly hard pressed for their immediate needs, they view the

Big Hotels Short of Cont.

to-day that train service on the Mexican Railway had been discontinued for points beyond Monterey led to reports that dorf-Astoria, said last night dorf-Astoria, said last night that the supply of coal there was just enough to last until 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Ralph Muschenheim of the Hotel Astosaid "We still have enough to last a few

SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE THIS WEEK; ENTIRE CITY FEELS COLD PINCH Bins Empty in Big Buildings From Canal Street to Battery. HOSPITALS ' MENACED

Board of Aldermen Appealed To to Protect the Poor.

PNEUMONIA ON INCREASE

All Signs to Be' Darkened on Sunday and Thursday Nights.

and anti-pooling cases.

There is little expectation now that the President will ask for any special railroad legislation until after the Christmas recess. It is recognized here by Government officials that the railroads, if left to themselves, would bring about an improvement in the present situation, though the financial phase of

For lower Broadway's towering struc tures were without coal. It never had happened before in history and it seemed incredible, but rapidly cooling radiators It is known that, and crippled elevator service bore conviction in upon the doubters.

Supplies in the bunkers of the great buildings yesterday varied from enough wheelbarrow loads, which was the exact amount on hand in the basement of the City Investing Building. Just one ele-vator was running in that building, and that edifice was little if any worse off than the others. The Equitable Build-ing management sent a notice to ten-ants asking them to refrain as much as they could from opening windows or wasting steam.

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whose Stockholm representative is now working through Parvus as intermediately, denounced the same Parvus in a newspaper he conducted in Paris as a the upper East Side, cellar dealers were closed. In the upper East Side, cellar dealers were

oughs yesterday, griling some 2,000 tons, which heined considerably. The Bronz means at its disposal against any person.

"At the same time the Federal Council has the honor to declare that by virtue of its sovereignty and in accordance with the declaration of the Powers who signed the treaties of Vienna and Paris of 1815, in particular that of the 20th of November, the Swiss Confederation, to whom ber, the Swiss Confederation, to whom

poses as a majority Socialist and enjoys the German Government's confidence to such an extent that he was among the men mentioned at the time of the last the end of the term in Jule and July Government changes as possible Min-

coal a week can in this way be concentralization of all night activities in the schools for the purpose of conserving coal through a saying of light. Representatives of the Federal Fuel Administration will be present at the meeting of the Board of Alderme, or Tuesday to favor the proposed ordinance for the sale of coal by weight installed

situation with aprehension and are tak-ing active steps to arrange for deliver-ies at the earliest possible moment.

bandit attacks are frequent in that sec-tion and that a section of track has been destroyed between Monterey and Saltillo.